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Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 of 20 December 2002 and 57/270 A and B of 20 December 2002 and 23 June 2003 respectively, as well as its resolution 58/218 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5]

Reaffirming the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

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development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[6]

Reaffirming also the continuing need to ensure a balance between economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

Stressing that eradicating poverty, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

Recognizing that good governance at all levels is essential for sustainable development,

Noting that the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session undertook an in-depth evaluation of progress in implementing Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, focusing on the thematic clusters of water, sanitation and human settlements, and identified best practices, constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation,[7]

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/61, in which the Council endorsed the proposal of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session that the Commission's policy sessions take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the selected thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements, that the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting be based on the outcome of the review session, reports of the Secretary-General as well as other relevant inputs, and that, on the basis of those discussions, the chair of the thirteenth session of the Commission prepare a draft negotiating document for consideration at the policy session,[8]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[9] on the activities undertaken in the implementation of Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[3] and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;[4,5]

2. *Calls upon* Governments, all relevant international and regional organizations, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations funds and programmes, regional commissions and specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, the Global Environment Facility and the other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, as well as major groups, to take action to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and encourages them to report on concrete progress made in that regard;

3. *Calls* for the implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the Summit and, to that end, for the fulfilment of the

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[6] See resolution 55/2.

[7] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 9* (E/2004/29).

[8] See ibid., *2003, Supplement No. 9* (E/2003/29).

[9] A/59/220.

provisions relating to the means of implementation, as contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;[5]

4. *Encourages* Governments to participate at the appropriate level with representatives from the relevant departments and agencies working in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements in the intergovernmental preparatory meeting and the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

5. *Welcomes* the contributions of the regional commissions to the work of the Commission at its twelfth session, including the regional meetings focusing on the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements, and their inputs to the reports of the Secretary-General;[10]

6. *Invites* donor countries to continue to support the participation of experts from the developing countries in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements at the thirteenth session of the Commission;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation, which should contribute to the mobilization of efforts and resources towards the implementation of the commitments, goals and targets agreed upon in those areas;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in reporting to the Commission at its thirteenth session on the state of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, with appropriate input from all levels, to submit thematic reports on each of the three issues, namely, water, sanitation and human settlements, taking into account their interlinkages while addressing the cross-cutting issues identified by the Commission at its eleventh session;[8]

9. *Requests* the Commission, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 and other relevant resolutions, to consider at its thirteenth session policy options in the cross-cutting issues related to the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements, including in particular progress in the means of implementation, notably financial resources, capacity-building and technology transfer;

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on inter-agency cooperation,[11] and requests him to continue his efforts to strengthen system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and in this regard to submit a report on such inter-agency coordination activities and their terms of reference for consideration by the Economic and Social Council in 2005, through the Commission on Sustainable Development;

11. *Requests* the chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development to transmit the outcome of the thirteenth session of the Commission, through the Economic and Social Council, to those bodies making preparations for the 2005 major event to review the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration[6] and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

[10] E/CN.17/2004/2, E/2004/12-E/CN.17/2004/3, E/CN.17/2004/4, E/CN.17/2004/5 and E/CN.17/2004/6.

[11] E/2004/12-E/CN.17/2004/3.

12. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development to make the arrangements necessary to ensure the balanced representation of major groups from developed and developing countries in the sessions of the Commission;

13. *Welcomes* the convening of the second international expert meeting on a ten-year framework of programmes for sustainable consumption and production, to be held in Costa Rica in September 2005, and in this regard urges developed countries, while acknowledging their ongoing support, to continue and increase their support for those activities;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", and requests the Secretary-General, at that session, to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.